

FORECAST:

Wilmington and vicinity: Partly cloudy and warmer with scattered showers to-day; Saturday partly cloudy and warmer.

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Veto Threat Riles Senate

Republicans Start Drive For "Override" Votes On Tax Cut Bill

WASHINGTON, July 10.—(AP)—Senator Millikin (R-Colo.) led a group of Republicans today in declaring that President Truman committed "an impropriety" in giving advance notice that he will veto the new \$4,000,000,000 income tax cut bill even before it passes the Senate.

Millikin, chairman of the Senate Finance committee and floor manager for the measure, told reporters this is the first time he ever heard of a President vetoing a bill in advance.

And he remarked tartly that Congress, not the President, still has constitutional control of the government's pursestrings.

Spurred by Mr. Truman's disclosure of a repeat veto, GOP leaders doubled their efforts to turn a veto-proof margin of votes when the Senate showdown on the bill arrives probably late this week or early next.

The Republican drive picked up strength as five Democratic members announced they will vote to override the veto. These were Senators Byrd (Va.), Edwin C. Johnson (Colo.), Stewart (Tenn.), George (Ga.) and McCarran (Nev.).

Debate Begins

Mrs. Truman's announcement, made at a news conference, came shortly before debate on the second round measure, already approved overwhelmingly by the House, began in the Senate.

The President said he sees no reason to change his attitude toward the measure, and will repeat it. His original attitude was that it was the "wrong kind" of tax reduction at the "wrong time." The bill, providing cuts ranging from 30 to 10.5 per cent, identical with the original bill he vetoed last month except that its effective date would be next Jan. 1 instead of July 1, 1947.

The House sustained his original veto by a scant two-vote margin, but Republican leaders say they are confident of overriding it this time—at least in the House.

Prospects for an earlier Senate vote than expected—possibly late

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BUDGET MEETING TO BE CONTINUED

Joint City-County Boards Seek More Data On Hospital Request

City council members and county commissioners probably meet Tuesday will attempt to complete their task of ironing out joint expenses that the two groups must share in the 1947-48 budgets.

A meeting to complete the job, started yesterday at a joint session in the city hall, will be continued beginning at 10 a. m., Tuesday if detailed information on at least three departments are obtained by that time.

Those departments are the James Walker Memorial and County hospitals and the Associated Charities.

Yesterday's joint session was not satisfied with the appropriations as listed by the Walker hospital. It postponed action on that for additional itemized expenses.

Action on the Associated Charities was postponed after City Manager J. R. Benson explained that the city "is seriously considering turning that organization over to the welfare department."

The hospital sought nearly a 100 per cent increase in its appropriations. Those present agreed that such an increase would need considerable study before it could be allowed. Particular attention was called by City Manager Benson to an estimated cost of \$8.16 a day for charity patients.

Raises in Doubt
That any salary raises will be forthcoming for any city and county employees seemed doubtful in the opinion of most of those present. No action was taken on the matter of increases.

The health department came in for much discussion with an attack centering on the merit system coming from Commissioner Louis Coleman. He termed it "regulation" that deprives "freedom" of action by governing bodies.

Dr. A. H. Elliot, head of the department, appeared to explain

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The Weather

South Carolina—Partly cloudy and slightly warmer Friday and Saturday.
North Carolina—Partly cloudy and warmer Friday and Saturday; scattered showers over coastal areas Friday.
(Eastern Standard Time)
(By U. S. Weather Bureau)

TEMPERATURES
7:30 a. m. 74; 7:30 a. m. 72; 1:30 p. m. 70; 7:30 p. m. 72; Maximum 73; Minimum 72; Mean 72. Normal 73.

HUMIDITY
7:30 a. m. 84; 7:30 a. m. 80; 1:30 p. m. 81; 7:30 p. m. 81.

PRECIPITATION
Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 0.01 inches.
Total since the first of the month 0.01 inches.

TIDES FOR TODAY
From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.
Wilmington—3:00 a. m. 10.20 a. m. 1:30 p. m. 11:33 p. m.
Washburn Inlet—12:20 a. m. 7:02 a. m. 1:11 p. m. 7:23 p. m.
Sunrise 5:59; Sunset 7:26; Moonrise 12:28; Moonset 12:58.
River stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 8 a. m. Thursday, missing feet.
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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, Rep. Joseph W. Martin, Jr. (left) congratulates Rep. Harold Knutson (right), chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and sponsor of the revised tax-reduction bill, following the measure's passage by a vote of 302 to 112—(International).

FBI, Police Dragnet Out For "Paperman"

NEGRO MAID HELD IN JEWEL THEFT

Wrightsville Beach Police Chief Recovers \$2,000 In Stolen Goods

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH, July 10.—Chief of Police W. R. Wiggs, Jr., disclosed tonight that an 18-year-old Negro maid had been arrested in connection with the theft of over \$2,000 worth of jewels from her employer.

Chief Wiggs said that Verdel Key, a three-day employee of Mrs. B. C. Moore, 10 Oceanic Ave., had confessed to taking the jewels. The Chief said Mrs. Moore reported on July 7 that two rings, a diamond and a rhinestone, had been stolen from her residence. Upon questioning the Negro maid, Wiggs said, she denied any knowledge of the missing jewels.

A search of the woman's pocketbook revealed the diamond ring concealed in the lining, officers said. The maid continued to deny any connection with the theft, Wiggs said. She was then brought to the Wilmington police headquarters and after questioning by Wiggs and Detective Red Murray, she confessed taking the

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Tobacco Production Set At 864,958,000 Pounds

RALEIGH, July 10.—(AP)—Production of flue-cured tobacco in North Carolina this year promises to be around 864,958,000 pounds, the Federal-State Crop Reporting service in the State Department of agriculture said today in its first 1947 crop forecast.

This forecast represents a decline of 47,985,000 pounds, or five per cent from the all-time record year of 912,970,000 pounds.

This forecast is based upon conditions as of July 1 and is subject to change monthly until the crop is sold, depending upon weather conditions and the development of the crop. The late, dry spring caused delay in getting the crop to the fields. Most fields show an uneven growth, but the crop has made progress in recent weeks.

The acreage of flue-cured tobacco this year is estimated at 811,000 acres—this is one percent above 1946. Although quotas were slightly less this year than in 1946, growers attempted to plant closer.

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WADE SAVES DAY FOR BOOKMOBILE

Councilman, Presiding Over Joint Boards, Casts Deciding Vote

The library department, only one at yesterday's session not to ask for an increase in its 1947-48 fiscal year appropriations, nearly lost its bookmobile unit at the joint meeting of the city council-county commissioners.

The bookmobile unit was saved by a 5 to 4 dramatic vote from Councilman J. E. L. Wade.

Commissioner Louis Coleman attempted to cut down the library's appropriation by seeking elimination of the automobile used to carry books for reading to cripples and other persons unable to reach the downtown library.

His argument was that if "persons have time to read, they have time to come after them."

On Coleman's motion to cut out the bookmobile, Commissioner George Trash, Councilman W. E. Yopp and Richard Burnett went along with the motion.

Breaks Tie
Voting to retain the bookmobile were Commissioner Addison Hewlett, Harry Gardner and Councilman Ronald Lane.

However, during the discussion, Mayor E. L. White had been called from the meeting. Councilman Wade presided.

With the vote a tie, Mayor White returned to the room. He declined to vote upon the grounds that he was unfamiliar with the question at the moment.

Councilman Wade arose and declared that he believed the library board was aware of conditions and would follow their recommendation and would follow their recommendation of retaining the bookmobile.

Scandal Hint Hits Truman

President Tells Press He's Unworried Over Slaughter Charges

TULSA, Okla., July 10.—(AP)—Former Rep. Roger C. Slaughter, Missouri Democrat, whom President Truman helped to defeat for renomination last year, charged today "scandal threatens" the Presidency and said the President said left him unworried.

Slaughter, speaking before the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce's public affairs forum, assailed the Pendergast Democratic organization of Kansas City and declared Mr. Truman's request of it for help in the 1946 Democratic primary was "the public admission of a partnership that has brought the presidency into disrepute."

The President's reaction to Slaughter's remarks came at his Washington press conference. He said he considered the source of the speech and added it didn't worry him any.

Slaughter said he considered the President "personally an honest and honorable man, but that 'like Grant and Harding, he has been misled by false friends, and has likewise been the victim of his own impetuosity.'"

Issues Statement
After he was informed of the President's comment on the statement in his prepared text, the former Congressman issues this statement to a reporter:

"If the President is not worried he is in a different state of mind from hundreds of Democratic candidates who will be running for office in 1948. Through no fault of their own they will be forced to carry the load of stolen ballots and blasted vault doors, all occurring as the aftermath of an election where Mr. Truman admitted he had enlisted the aid of the Pendergast machine."

"A small boy walking by a graveyard at midnight is not worried," but his teeth chatter just the same.

In his address, Slaughter also referred to the theft of ballot boxes from the Kansas City election commissioners' vault after the return of a number of indictments alleging vote fraud in the 1946 primary. He called it "a sordid tale, and a perfect example not only of the cupidity but the stupidity of city machines."

He mentioned the Kansas City vote fraud convictions which followed the 1938 election, and said the Pendergast organization "finally fell of its own weight," but "like the Phoenix, it managed to arise from the ashes—helped in part, by a friendly national administration."

Recalling that "a great many

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ENGINEERS PLAN TIE-UP DOLPHINS

Facility Will Improve Mooring At Brunswick River Storage Basin

In an effort to improve the mooring facilities at the Brunswick River Storage basin two steel tie-up dolphins are to be constructed at the basin by the Wilmington District Corps of Engineers.

The dolphins, or pile clusters, each composed of four steel piles, will be constructed under contract under the supervision of the engineers.

Facilities Inadequate
The present mooring facilities are considered inadequate and the dolphins are to be placed there "just as precautionary measures." Sixty-five ships are now anchored in the basin.

If these two are successful, the Maritime Commission will probably put them throughout the basin in preference to the present facilities, it was said.

Sealed bids for the rental of mechanical equipment to drive the pilings and personnel to do the work will be received in the office of the District Engineer until July 21.

The Engineers will provide all the materials for the dolphins, but a contract will be let for the mechanical equipment to drive the pilings and for the operating personnel. Sealed bids will be received in the office of the District Engineer until July 21.

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North Carolinians Glimpsed "Saucers" First; Modern George Washington End Cherry War

Judge Offers To Cut Off Limbs From Tree Which Caused Trouble

PHILADELPHIA, July 10.—(AP)—A George Washington was needed to settle a cherry-tree dispute today, but Magistrate James McBride was not so convinced.

He ordered amputation of two limbs from the cherry tree of Mrs. Sylvia Kravitz after volunteering to "do a George Washington" and cut them off himself to end a cherry-whisking battle between her and her next-door neighbors.

The limbs overhang the concrete driveway of her neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Dashevsky. Now that the tree is bearing fruit, the Dashevskys claim that ripe cherries fall on their driveway, staining it a deep purple.

Dashevsky did not like this. So

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35-Foot Cape Fear Channel Receives Favorable Report; Teachers To Get \$54 Raise

County Group Will Benefit

New Hanover Faculty Has Highest Rating In Point Of Education

New Hanover county's 360 school teachers will get an approximate \$54 a month salary boost—those who have been drawing \$180 a month—under the budget adopted yesterday by the State Board of Education. H. M. Brand, county superintendent said last night.

Roland said the county's teachers had the highest rating in the state in point of education, thereby giving New Hanover's teachers the top in salary increases.

According to the Associated Press, the State Board of Education hit close to the 30 per cent line in drawing up the 1947-48 school budget and adopted it without the change.

The budget, as adopted, will give all but a very few of the state's public school teachers an approximate 30 per cent increase over last year.

Close To Line
The salary increases do not work out to a straight 30 per cent for each individual teacher, but the better-qualified teachers (those holding college degrees or better) will get anywhere from 29.21 to 30.52 per cent more than last year.

In attempting to get close to the 30 per cent figure promised teachers by this year's General assembly, the board's finance committee dropped as low as 13.21 to 20.50 per cent increases for the slightly more than 1,000 teachers whose education does not come up to the desired standard.

Many of these more than 1,000 teachers with low-rating certificates have been and are being employed solely because of the lack

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FEC WILL FIGHT COAST LINE BUY

Scott Loftin Tells Court, Railway Cannot Pay Interest Demands

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., July 10.—(AP)—Florida East Coast Railway Trustee Scott M. Loftin told Federal Judge Louie M. Strum today the railway was in no position to pay interest demanded by bondholders and warned that the country now was "in a period of high inflation."

The former United States Senator was the first on the stand in a three-petition proceeding; two petitions by bondholders asking interest payments and another by the trustees asking court permission to spend \$600,000 this year for betterments and additions.

Co-incidentally, Edward Ball, FEC trustee, issued a statement reiterating FEC determination to continue independent operations of the railway, saying the Atlantic Coast Line stood to make a profit of \$20,500,000 with no investment or risk if the May 20 Interstate Commerce Commission ruling that the ACL take over and reorganize the FEC went through.

The trustees, holding controlling interest, said they would continue the fight for independence "regardless of time and cost," Ball said.

No Connection
Today's hearing, however, had no direct connection with the recent record coal wage raises.

He said the increases affect virtually the entire economy of the United States because "everything affected by coal production" would see increased prices by a large percentage.

He said that "if conditions re-

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IT'S LAMP LIGHTING TIME again in three-quarters of the country's soft-coal mines as members of the John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers Union returned to work. This action followed the signing of a one-year contract between the U.M.W. and the coal operators, bringing to Lewis' miners the greatest wage gains in the union's history. Here a group of miners are shown in a Pittsburgh coal mine's lamp house before going into a pit to start digging coal again. They are (l. to r.): Steve Bakerie, Mike Morgan and Charles Taylor Foreman.—(International Soundphoto).

Residents Of County Are Lightning Proof

COAL PRODUCTION NEARING NORMAL

Half The Nation's Miners Return To Pits; West Virginia Quiet

PITTSBURGH, July 10.—(AP)—About half the nation's 400,000 soft coal miners were back to work today, with thousands more set to return to the pits as soon as official word of the new contract is received and union locals act upon it.

Pennsylvania, Illinois and Ohio reported production at normal levels, but West Virginia, the largest producer, counted only about 55,000 of 100,000 miners working.

West Virginia fields covered by the union-operator agreement reached yesterday in Washington were the scene of a slow recovery.

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Dr. Elliot Warns Parents Immunization Necessary

Dr. A. H. Elliot, city-county health officer, yesterday warned parents to have their children immunized for whooping cough and diphtheria, and smallpox.

When school opens September 2, 1,800 new pupils will be admitted to the institutions, Elliot said. All these 1,800 pupils, white and colored, will have to submit to the schools a record of immunization for whooping cough and diphtheria. A scar will be accepted as evidence of smallpox vaccination, he added.

There are just eight more weeks for the remainder of the health officer, yesterday warned parents to have their children immunized for whooping cough and diphtheria, and smallpox.

CZECH GOVERNMENT BOWS TO KREMLIN; OUT OF CONFERENCE

PRAGUE, July 10.—(AP)—Czechoslovakia tonight backed down from a decision to attend the Paris conference on the Marshall plan. The cabinet acted upon telephoned instructions from Communist Premier Klement Gottwald in Moscow.

The Czechs gave as their reason that participation in the conference might be construed as an action against the Soviet Union.

LIGHT BID STANDS JERRY JONES SAYS

Electrical Contractor Refuses To Lower Figure On Stadium Job

The \$1,219 bid for the installation of 84 lights for the American Legion Stadium submitted by Jerry A. Jones, electrical contractor, to the New Hanover county commissioners, must stand as handed in without alterations.

That was the edict yesterday of the contractor after Chairman Addison Hewlett had called on the contractor Tuesday for a clarification of the bid.

Jones declared yesterday that he made the bid in good faith and that as far as "I am concerned it stands as it was submitted." He will not lower the price, the contractor added.

Jones' bid opened at Monday's meeting of the commissioners called for a payment of \$1,219 for the installation and \$924 for a transformer. However, the commissioners pointed out that the stadium already is in possession of transformers and instructed Hewlett to confer with Jones.

A week previously, the commissioners had purchased the 84 lights from the General Electric company which agreed to make delivery in 10 days.

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Harbor Board Action Looms

Long Desired Project Before Chief Of Engineers For Review

By Frank Van Der Linden
Morning Star Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, July 10.—A favorable report recommending that the Cape Fear river at Wilmington be deepened to thirty-five feet is before the chief of engineers in Washington for study and probably will be cleared by the rivers and harbors board of the Army in October, the Morning Star learned exclusively tonight.

The report from the engineers' district office at Wilmington has been approved by the South Atlantic Division engineer, Col. George Gillette of Atlanta, formerly of Wilmington.

Colonel Gillette, who came here today for a meeting of the Rivers and Harbors board tomorrow, said the project would not come up now but that the prospects for eventual approval "look very favorable."

Will Be Deferred
Col. Wayne S. Moore, another member of the board, also said the proposal would be deferred until the next session.

If it is passed by the board and by the chief of engineers, Lt. Gen. R. A. Wheeler, the War Department will ask Congress to authorize the project and then grant funds for carrying it out.

The engineers already are deepening the channel from 30 to 32 feet and widening it from 300 to 400 feet in a project that probably will not be finished until 1949. They are asking \$300,000 to carry on this work in the current fiscal year, and the House has granted \$100,000. So far, \$3,044,500 has been allocated for this \$4,609,500 project. The thirty-five foot work would be a logical extension of it.

Worth - While Project
The engineers believe the channel must be enlarged so that deep-draft tankers and other vessels can bring full loads into Wilmington.

They consider the Cape Fear work a worth-while proposition, from an economical standpoint.

DADS TURN DOWN DETECTOR ITEM

Police Department Must Get Along Without "Lie" Machine For Year

Wilmington police will be compelled to go without the use of a lie detector, commonly used by most many departments throughout the nation.

That was disclosed yesterday at the joint meeting of the city council-county commissioners when that group met to iron out the 1947-48 fiscal year expenses shared by the two governing bodies.

Rejecting a request of Harry Fales, chief of the city-county identification bureau and the recommendation of Police Chief Hubert Hays, the council members and commissioners cut off the budget a \$500 appropriation for the purchase of such a machine.

Chairman Addison Hewlett of the county commissioners moved the adoption of the appropriation for \$4,282 for the identification bureau. Councilman J. E. L. Wade attempted to insert a motion that the purchase of the detector be included. However, his motion failed for the lack of a second.

Previously, Chief Hays appeared personally before the group urging the purchase of the detector and describing what he said was its successful use by the FBI and other police departments which have used it to "break" most of the major crimes in recent years. The chief declared that records show only one person in annals of crime history have ever "beaten" a lie detector.

After rejection of the lie detector, the group went ahead in approving the appropriation.

Previously, the council and com-

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And So To Bed

The elevator operator at the Customhouse was really knocking himself out yesterday.

Never, even on the busiest days, had he ridden up and down, up and down, so much.

The buzzer was broken. When prospective elevator rider would punch the buzzer, the buzz could be heard inside the elevator, but it wouldn't register what floor the person was on.

Everytime the buzzer sounded, the operator would travel to each floor, open the doors, and try to find the person who wanted to go up or down.

The operator was chuckling about it but he said he sure had had a lot of ups and downs.

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